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APPLICANT : JEFFREY D. WILLIS, ET AL. GROUP NO.: 2834
SERIAL NO. : 09/563,612
FILED : May 2, 2000
TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR MOUNTING
A WIND TURBINE ON A TOWER

ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 3.71 AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded, or submitted herewith for recording, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 CFR § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s). Assignee hereby certifies that the attached Assignment has been reviewed, and that to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints ZARLEY, McKEE, THOMTE, VOORHEES & SEASE, comprising Donald H. Zarley, Registration No. 18,543; Bruce W. McKee, Registration No. 19,651; Dennis L. Thomte, Registration No. 22,497; Michael G. Voorhees, Registration No. 25,715; Edmund J. Sease, Registration No. 24,741; Mark D. Hansing, Registration No. 30,643; Kirk M. Hartung, Registration No. 31,021; Daniel J. Cosgrove, Registration No. 36,770; Michael R. Crabb, Registration No. 37,298; Heidi Sease Nebel, Registration No. 37,719; Wendy K. Marsh, Registration No. 39,703; Jeffrey D. Harty, Registration No. 40,639; Timothy J. Zarley, Registration No. 45,243; Patricia Ades, Registration No. 44,496; and Shane M. Niebergall, Registration No. 44,974, 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, telephone: 402-392-2280, as its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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1 In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC., a Delaware corporation, having an address of P.O. Box 358, Valley, Nebraska 68064, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/563,612, filed in the United States Patent Office on the 2nd day of May, 2000, entitled METHOD AND MEANS FOR MOUNTING A WIND TURBINE ON A TOWER, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

15 The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.

For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned hereby becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matter of

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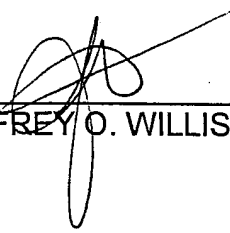
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thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all
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therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said
Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and
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And for said considerations, the undersigned hereby assign to said assignee, its
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requested to execute in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters
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15 The attorneys of record are hereby authorized to insert the serial number and
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Road, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68025, respectively; that they verily believe themselves to be
the original, first, and co-inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a
patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND MEANS FOR MOUNTING A
WIND TURBINE ON A TOWER described and claimed in the annexed specification;
that they do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the
United States of America before their invention thereof or patented or described in any
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prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of
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representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that they
have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification
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to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
Regulations 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this
invention has been filed by them, or their legal representatives or assigns in any country
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None.

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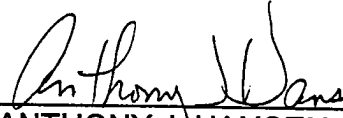
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